# The Legislative Be It Enacted"

By James H. Eckels.

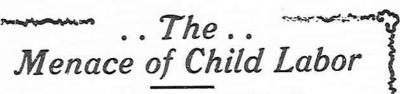
AWMAKERS no longer rest content in the discharge of the legitimate functions of providing for the keeping of peace and order in the country and the manifold acts pertaining thereto; in making provision for the collection of revenues for government expenses and the  $\tilde{\varepsilon}^{\prime}$  bursing of the same; in sustaining the public credit and in maintaining the nation's dignity at home and abroad. They have reduced these things from that of the fundamental principle of our system to the mere incident of legislative life and entered upon the

more hazardous and seemingly more inviting field of enacting a multiplicity of so called business statutes and the creation of innumerable commissions having nothing whatever to do with peace and good order, revenues and expenses, public credit or national prestige. There are statutes which make municipal, state and national government a potential partner in almost every man's business undertaking without having therein a dollar of investment and not infrequently ill-adjusted and wholly incompetent commissions the directing agency.

I am not unmindful that in a period of great excitement and open abuses, where unrest is everywhere manifest, there are more demands for reforms through legislative action than during periods of extreme quiet. I take it that no one will dispute the fact that we are in such a period now. There is underneath all of this undoubtedly much of justification. But even such justification only makes more essential the exercise of wisdom and prudence and

Nothing can be gained for good government or more widespread honesty on the part of those who have to do with great undertakings by an indiscriminate denunciation of success wherever found or wealth however acquired. When all success is placed in the attitude of being a crime and all acquirement of wealth denounced as criminal the evil wrought by such a course is worse than that done through criminal acquirement of wealth and criminal

The American people cannot afford to have it believed that here is lacking that fine sense of justice which fails to take account and give reward to success honestly achieved and wealth honestly acquired. It cannot afford to be led by mountebanks, nor yield sway to business or political blackmailing, for when it does, not only will the world of business lose character and caste, but legislative bodies will be a still more prolific source of harm and dishonesty



By Dr. Felix Adler, of Columbia University.

HE real menace of child labor comes from the moral obliquity of a great era of prosperity. What we have to fear in the dangers of childhood is just what we have to fear from the dangers of our national life that have been revealed in the reckless and thoughtless actions of those engaged in the administration of trust funds in our life insurance companies.

The one general cause running through the political debauchery of this industrial age, the moral debauchery due to misuse of wealth and position, is the same as that which produces the physical debauchery incident to the exploitation of the child.

The emancipation of childhood from economic servitude is a social reform of the first magnitude. If it comes to be an understood thing that a certain sacredness "doth hedge around" a child, that a child is industrially tabooed, that to violate its rights is to touch profanely a holy thing, that it has a soul which must not be blighted for the prospect of mere gain, if this be generally conceded with regard to the child, the same essential reasoning will be found to apply also to the adult workers; they, too, will not be looked upon as mere commodities, as mere instruments for the accumulation of riches.

I have great hopes for the adjustment of our labor difficulties on a higher plane, if only we can gain the initial victory of inculcating regard for the higher human nature that is present potentially in the child.

# The Kind of Men Needed in Porto Rico



For difficulty of getting the right kind of men does not explain the bad appointments to Porto Rico. The president's advisers seem to have confined their search too much to paddocks reserved for spavined and broken-winded politicians. And it is not encouraging to note that the character of appointments has not improved with time. The heads of department who have done the best work and who have left the best personal impressions behind them were among those who were appointed with the beginning of civil gov-

It is the belief of Americans of long residence here who have seen with sorrow and humiliation so many of the appointments that have been made, that the only way out of the difficulty will be by the extension of civil service methods to include our entire departmental machinery here. There must be some new source of  $\sup_{\mathcal{V}}$  is created. A civil service system that linkd insular service of this sort with the diplomatic service and thus offered the prospect of a career for a young man of intelligence and character in a way analogous to the army and navy service, is the path most frequently pointed to as the one that is going to lead us out of our present bogs. And here in the Porto-Rican government it is urged that this same civil-service road to the departmental officer be thrown as wide open to Porto-Ricans as it is to Americans, the ideal end, of course, being the day when Porto-Ricans, thus qualified by education, training, and experience, are able to take over the full administration of their island's affairs.-Harper's Weekly.

## A Note of Warning to the Nation By James J. Hill, President of the Great

Northern Railway.



HE nation at large is prosperous. We are cutting a wide swath, there is no doubt of that. If we get down, however, to a closer examination we will readily see that the nation

is living profligately. We are selling out our natural resources-exploiting

them as fast as we can, without building up industries and trade relations to take their place when exhausted.

It is only a question of time till our timber is exhausted. Our public domain is all gone, and the nation cannot longer boast that it has homes for all. Where are the immigrants rushing to our

shores to end up? Not on the land. We have no more to offer them. They must crowd into the cities.

When this nation has one hundred and fifty million people, they will have to do something else than exploit natural resources to earn a living.

We will eventually have to meet the commercial competition England is meeting today, and have to face such problems as she is facing with 1,500,000 unemployed crying for bread, with no bread to feed them save as charity doles it out to them.

Cor odore E. C. Benedict at a Proper at Waterbury, Conn., said: If this country was administered on business principles without regard to politics we would soon own or control everything in the world that is worth owning or controlling, and that without firing anything but a commercial shot. The country suffers vastly more from the acts of its lawmakers than the acts of its lawbreakers in impeding commerce, in discriminating in taxation, and in uncivilized methods of finance.

The automobile industry will probably have a setback from reckless overproduction of cheap and ill-made machines, but the consequent blow will fall on the more unsound manufacturers, and of a decidedly temporary character will be any halt in the march of the machine. Very likely the use of it for pleasure will lose its zest, continues Collier's Weekly, but, its economic value is too well-established to make possible any lessening of the place it has taken in our gen-

# MANY DIE IN MINE A RIOT IN ALABAMA

1,219 Lives Snuffed Out By a Bad Blood Between the Whites and Blacks the Cause Terriffic Explosion

ALL FRANCE IN DEEP MOURNING TURPENTINE CAMP FUSILADED

Terrible Explosion in Great Coal Pits Near Belgian Frontier Floods the Shafts and Gallieries With Poisoncus Vapors, While it Also Disables the Cages and Ladders, Making Only Limited Rescue Work Possible -Gas Still Pouring Into One Pit.

Paris, By Cable.-A dispatch from Lens timed 1:20 o'clock Sunday morning, says that the number of entombed men is now given as 1,219 and that the crowd around the pits totals

A mining catastrophe of incalclable horror and magnitude has stricken the great coal center of Northern France. An explosion of fire-damp at 7 o'clock Saturday morning earried death and destruction throughout the net work of coal mines centered at Courrieres, end fire followed the explosion, making rescue difficult, and almost imconfusion in the vicinity prevented early estimates of the exact loss of ed and probably lost. At 8:45 o'clock in the evening a brief dispatch from Lille announced the total of 1,193 dead.

SHOCK TO ALL FRANCE.

All France has been profoundly shocked by the magnitude of the disaster, which is said to be the greatest in the history of continental mining. President Fallieres sent his secretary, accompanied by Minister of Public Works Gautier and Minister of the

the seene of the disaster. The ministerial crisis was tempororarily forgotten. Senators and Deputies joining in the universal manifestations of sorrow.

SCENE OF THE CATASTROPE

The scene of the eastrophe is the mountainous mining region near Lens, in the department of Pas-de-Calias. Here are huddled small hamlets of the mine workers, who operate the most productive coal mines in France. The subterranean chambers from a series of tunnels. Six of the outlets are near Lens, and others are at Courrieres. Vardun, and many other points. The output of these mines is particularly combustible and is largely used in the manufacture of gas and in smelting. of mines and, with their families, make a population of from 6,000 to S.000 souls.

The catastrophe took place shortly after 1.798 men had descended into the mine. There was a deafening explosion, which was followed by the cages and mining apparatue being hurled from the mouth of the Courrieres Mine. Men and hourses near by outside the mine were either stunned or killed. The roof of the mine office

was torn off. Immidciately following the explosion flames burst from the mouth of the pit, driving back those without who sought to enter and dooming those within.

#### Latest Georgia Homicide.

Millen, Ga., Special.—A shooting affray occurred Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Scarboro, seven miles below here, in which two men were killed. John Burke and Eed Aycock, both white, quarreled over a mule and the quarrel ended in a row, each killing the other with a pistol. The men were prominent in that section and the tragedy is deplored.

#### News Items.

The filling of the Bishopric of Porto Rico is expected to settle the question as to which congregation at Rome has supervision of that island.

The New York county grand jury has asked for instruction as to what it shall do relative to campaign contributions by the insurance companies.

The foreign agents of the Mutual Life Insurance Company are in revolt against the Peabody regime.

Charles M. Schwab left Los Angeles Cal., in what is said to be a serious condition of health.

Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, vetoed the resolution providing for an investigation of the coal railroads, on the ground that the special session of the Legislature had not been called for such a purpose.

"Judge" Andrew Hamilton, the head of the legislative bureau maintained by the Mutual Life Insurance Company and other big corporations, returned from Europe "to face the music.'

#### German Radical Dead.

Berlin, By coble.—Eugene Richter. radical leader in the Reichstag since its foundation, Bismark's old opponent and a long time editor of The Freisinnige Zeitung, died at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. Near the close of 1904 Reichter suddenly retired from The Freisinnige Zietung, which he had founded, and at the same time ceased to appear at the Reichstag. He was then in feeble health and threatened with the loss of his eye-sight.

Period of Muttering Against Whites Ends in Night Attack on Village of Wilmer, and Though Shooting was General on Both Sides, an Old White Man Was Only Person

Mobile, Ala., Special-Sheriff Powers and four deputies left Sunday morning for the scene of race troubles at Kilmer, 26 miles west of Mobile, on the Mobile, Jacksonville & Kansas City Railroad, and returned at 7 o'clock at night with four negroes, who are charged with being implicated in the attack by the negroes on the white residents of Kilmer. The shooting was begun by Cole Daniels, a negro ex-convict and at once became general. The white mer, who were armed, participated. The negro mob had followed F. E. Pringle, and a negro, Sam McPaston, whom Pringle had shot and was bringing to Wilmer for surgical attention, a distance of six miles. A J. Ellis, an old white possible. The intense excitement and man, aged 60 years, emptied his revolver at the negroes, and just as he fired the last shot a negro shot him from behind, a load of buckshot taking effect life, but a dispatch received here at in his back and left shoulder, and 4:30 p. m., gave 1,404 miners entomb- when the sheriff's posse left Wilmer. Ellis was in a dying condition. One of Ellises' bullets struck the negro Cole Daniels in the head, but he made his escape, though a citizens' posse is lying in wait for him.

A determined attempt was made early Sunday morning to lynch the negro McPaston, but cooler councel prevailed. When the sheriff reached Wilmer some 200 white men were assembled there, gathered from surounding country.

It is said that there has been mutermes among the negroes in the turpentine camps against the whites for the Interior Dublier, on a special train to past eight months. Everything was quiet when Sheriff Powers and his deputies left the scene, though it is possible that fresh trouble may break out again. In that event, the whites are better able to take care of them-

#### Big Mill Advances Wages.

Lawrence, Mass., Special.-Notices were posted in all departments of the extensive Pacific Cotton Mills here announcing that on Monday, March 19, an advance in wages will be given. The Pacific Mills, among the largest in the world, employ nearly 6,000 operatives. The rate of the proposed increase is not stated in the notices. The advance will be greater in some departments than in others, but it is expected that it will average nearly 10 per cent. When the new schedule gones into effect, the number of mill operatives in Lawrence who have had About 2,000 miners work in the group | their pay raised this year will reach 17,000.

#### Shooting in South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., Special.-John Marion Ashley, a white farmer of Honea Path was shot and probably fatally wounded by Policeman White. who was endeavoring to arrest Ashley. The wounded man's relatives and friends soon gathered and threatened to do violence to the officer. Fearing serious trouble, Governor Heyward was notified and requested to hurry troops to the scene. Accordingly the Ander company, under command of Lieutenant P. K. McCully, Jr., was despatched to Honea Path by a special train.

#### Wants Town Topics Excluded From Mails.

Washington, Special.-Representative Bourke Cockran, of New York, introduced a resolution requiring the Postmaster General to report to the House whether Town Topics is admitted to the mails and whether the government assists the publication in "its said occupation of extorting money by blackmail.'

## Jamestown Exposition Commissioner.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.-Governor D. C. Heyward has named Superintendent Frank Evans, of this city schools, as a member of the State commission of the Jamestown Exposition, to succeed J. Wright Nash, who declined the place because he felt that he was not adapted to the work. The appointment of Prof. Evans will meet with general approval, for he is eminently qualified for the task. He was largely instrumental in getting up the Spartanburg county exhibit at the Charleston Exposition, which won the first prize of \$1,000.

#### Coast Line Increases Stock.

Richmond. Va., Special.—The stock holders of the Atlantic Coast Line held a meeting and passed a resolution prepared by the board of directors authorizing the increase of the stock of the company from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000. A number of prominent financiers from New York, Baltimore and Wilmington, N. C., were present. The meeting lasted not quite 15 min-

### Justice Brown Resigns.

Washington, Special .- President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Associate Justice Brown of the Inited States Supreme Court. Justice Brown tendered his resignation to the President on the 2nd instant, that being his seventieth birthday. He has served on the Supreme Court bench a little more than 15 years, having been appointed by President Harrison in 1890. No indication yet is given of Justice Brown's successor.

What is Being Done Day by Day By the National House and Senate.

#### To Mark Confederate Graves.

The House passed the army appropriation bill, also the Foraker bill providing for the marking of the graves of Confederate dead, buried in the North.

Dolliver Speaks for Rate Bill. The discussion of the railroad rate question in the Senate was continued by Mr. Dolliver, who spoke in support of the Dolliver-Hepburn bill. He said that the bill was intended merely to supplement the existing inter-State commerce law and contended for its validity from a constitutional point of view, predicting that government ownership of the railroads would be forced upon the country if Congress did not meet the present demand for regulation..

Mr. Dolliver was not questioned and when he concluded the remainder of the day was devoted to the bill providing for the settlement of the affairs of the five civilized tribes of Indians after the termination of their tribal relations.

Mr. Dolliver in his speech said he did not agree with either Mr. Foraker or Mr. Bacon that the secret practices have been abandoned. He did not believe the Elkins bill adequate for protection against these practices. ·The difficulty about rebates is not in punishing voilations of the law,' he said, "but in discovering them and we have undertaken to amend the law so as to cover that defect."

Returning to the question of appeals, Mr. Dolliver said that the power the commission would exercise in preventing recourse to courts was about as great as the power of "my freinds who are tiptoeing about this chamber talking of the 'day in

#### By Unanimous Consent.

Legislation by unanimous consent and under suspension of the rules occupied the attention of the House and resulted in the passage of several bills, some of considerable import-The adoption of a resolution of inquiry as to whether any criminal prosecutions have been begun against individuals in the Northern Securities Company furnished the text for a speech of criticism by Mr. Williams, the Democratic leader. Brief answers were made by Mr. Jenkins, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Grosverenor, of Ohio. Mr. Jenkins said that the statute of limitations had run against any action that might be taken in this case and that any effort at prosecution would be useless.

#### Tax Off Leaf Tobacco.

The House began its session by passing without discussion or opposition a bill for the relief of tobacco growers by permitting them to sell leaf tobacco without paying the tax of 6 cents a pound heretofore charged The balance of the day was devot-

ed to tariff discussion, the Indian appropriation bill being the vehicle to carry the debate. Preceding this Mr. Sherman explained the provision of

The tariff discussion was opened by Mr. Rucker, of Missouri, who brought forth arguments designed to sustain the Democratic idea of tariff for revenue only, and he closed with the prediction that these ideas would provail, with W. J. Bryan as the standard bearer.

#### In the Senate.

The question of the enlargement of the Medical Department occupied the major portion of the time of the Senate. The question arose in connection with the consideration of a bill for the displacement of contract surgeons by physicans who shall be given the rank of army officers and the re-organization of the medical corps. Mr. Hale criticised the bill as an entering wedge for a general increase of the army and said that it was a part of a general plan of the general staff which he charged with a general purpose of enhancing

the army's importance. In this connection Mr. Hale said hat the general staff had prepared plans for the invasion of China by an American army but he added that he did not mean to go into the subject for with the Secretary of State sitting on the lid I do not believe we are likely to have war."

#### Oklahoma a State.

The Senate passed a bill for the admission of a new State to be called Oklahoma and to be composed of the Territory of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. It was the House joint statehood bill with all the provisions relating to Arizona and New Mexico stricken out. The motion to strike out was made by Mr. Burrows and it was carried by the close vote of 37 to 35 after having been lost by the still closer vote of 35 to 36.

#### The Crisis For the Statehood Bill. When the Senate met at 11 o'clock

Friday morning in recess session from Thursday, Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana chairman of the committee on Territories, continued his earnest advocacy of the joint Statehood bill. Notwithstanding the early hour of the meeting the public and private galleries were crowded and a large number of Senators were in their seats. Exactly at noon, the general debate on the measure closed and the legislative day of Friday was begun. The debate was then continued under the ten minute rule. The voting on the bill will begin at 4 o'clock. It is expected that Senator Foraker's amendment, providing for the submission of the joint Statehood plan for New Mexico and Arizona to the popular vote of these two Territories, will be adopted by a majority of between

eight and twelve votes.

## CONGRESSIONAL DOINGS 15 SOLDIERS KILLED IS A LIFE SENTENCE

Active Fighting Again on Our Finding of the Court in Case Island Possessions

OFFICIAL REPORT GIVEN OUT

A Disasterous Engagement is Reported to Have Occurred on the Island of Jolo Between Natives and Americans-Six Hundred of the Latter Sald to Have Been Slain.

Washington, Special.-Advices reeeived by the War Department from Major General Wood, commanding the Philippine division, state that there has been a severe engagement in the Island of Jolo, between the American military and the naval forces, and the Moros. Fifteen American soldiers were killed. A serious engagement between

American forces and hostile Moros has taken place near Jolo. Eighteen enlisted men, including tifteen regulars and three of the constabulary force, were killed. The total number wounded, including troops, constabulary and naval contingent, is 52. The engagement opened on the afternoon of March 6 and concluded Thursday morning. It involved the capture of Mount Davo, near Jolo. The steep lava cone, rising to a height of 2,100 feet up the mountain was strongly fortified and defended by an invisible force of Moros. All defenders of the stronghold was killed and 600 bodies were found on the field. The American forces were directed by Col. Joseph W. Duncan, of the Sixth Infantry. The action resulted in the extinction of a band of outlaws who had been making the condition of affairs because of their defiance of American authority.

#### Dr. Matthews Gets 20 Years.

Greensboro, N. C. Special-"Guilty of murder in the second degree," was the verdict rendered Friday morning at 9:50 o'clock by the jury in the case against Dr. J. B. Matthews, whose trial for wife murder started in Guilford Superior Court a week ago last Wednesday. The sentence of the judge was that he be imprisoned in the State penitentiary at hard labor for 20 years.

FORMAL NOTICE OF APPEAL. Maj. Guthrie then gave formal noice of appeal, 30 days being allowed for perfecting it and 30 days more for the State to prepare its case. The appeal bond was fixed at \$50. Pending the appeal, bail was fixed at \$5,-000 justified, which the defendant did not give and was remanded to jail.

#### Insurance Co. at Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Special.—The American National Life Insurance Company of Lynchburg has been formally organized in the company's offices under the charter granted some months ago. W. A. Taylor: vice-president and treasurer, B. I. Bopes; secretary, A. M. Campbell; Senator John W. Daniel, second vice-president and general counsel; Fred Harper, associate counsel; C. Davega Cohen, third vicepresident and general manager; S. W. Davidson, of New York, actuary and assistant secretary.

#### Killed Wife and Suicided.

Augusta, Ga., Special.-M. L. Cohen a young Hebrew, at an early hour Friday morning, after retiring with his wife at a house on Market street secured a gun, shot his wife and then himself. He died instantly. The woman never regained consciousness, and died a short while after, being found several hours later. They came from Savannah a few days ago. They were married here six weeks ago.

#### Increases its Capital Stock.

Petersburg, Special.—In the office of the clerk of the court here was admitted to record a certificate for the amendment of the charter of the Lancaster Automatic Railway Crossing Company, incorporated. The certificate increases the maximum of the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$500,-000. The minimum is \$75,000.

#### A Tax Dodger.

Cincinnatti, O., Special-Checks for \$700,000 were written but never taken from the office of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, as a means of avoiding taxes, according to the testimony of Jesse R. Clark, treasurer of the company, in the suit of the county treasurer to recover \$175,000 in unpaid taxes. Clark said that when tax time approached the had in bank much cash which was taxabe, but that as much money as possible was transferred into untaxable mortgage loans.

#### News Notes.

Representative Griggs, of Georgia, was unanimously chosen chairman of the Democratic Congressional Com-

China regards the talk of military preparations in the United States as an act of unfriendliness.

Great Britain has opened communication with this country, seeking favorable tariff treatment.

Editor Shoots Down Editor. Shreveport, La., Special-L. Stuckey, editor of The People's Demands. was shot and killed at Cofax, La., by A. M. Goodwin, editor of The Halifax Chroniele. The cause of the tragedy was the publication of an article by Stucky which, it is alleged, was a reflection on the character of Goodwin. The shooting occurred on the depot platform. Goodwin fired three shots, all of which took affect, killing Stucky almost instantly.

# of George Hasty

VERDICT GENERALLY APPROVED

The Man Who Killed the Two Actors in Gaffney Has a Narrow Escape From the Hangman's Noose-Mistrial Had Been Feared by Some on Account of the Length of Time the

Jury Was Out.

Gaffney, S. C., Special.-The jury in the case of the State vs. George Hasty, for the murder of the two actors, Bennett and Davidson, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, with a recommendation to mercy. His sentence is a life term in the penitentiary. His attorneys will apply for a new trial based on technical grounds.

The case was given to the jury Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock and the verdict was reached Tuesday morning at 6.30. The judge, attorneys and court officials were notified and at 7.30 these, together with several hunared outsiders had assembled in the court room to hear the climax of an unusual case. Hasty was brought from his cell and seated himself near his atorneys' table. He was calm and collected, showing little traces of what must have been transpiring in his mind. When the foreman announced that a verdiet had been reached the usual poll was taken. The foreman read:

"We find George Hasty guilty, with recommendation to the court's

Hasty, who has exhibited unusual nerve throughout the trial, when the prospect of spending the remainder of his life within the walls of a penitentiary passed before his mind, for the first time showed emotions. He shook and trembled as a leaf in

the wind, tears flooded his eyes and he was on the verge of collapse. A local minister who was present eame to his side and tried to console him. Judge Mimminger, upon the conclusion of the reading of the verdiet, ordered the defendant to stand up, and sentence to life in the penitentiary was passed on him. Notice was given that a motion for a new trial would be made, but no arguments were offered. The verdict meets with general satisfaction in Gaffney, where interest has been at fever heat during The officers elected are: President, the days of the trial. On all sides one can hear expressions of approval that Hasty was found guilty. Some however, it is clear to see, would have been much more gratified if the jury had found a verdict of murder without the qualification of mercy. The jury before announcing its verdict pledged itself to secrecy as to how the respective members stood. It is learned, however, that there was not a vote for acquittal cast during the ballot. The jurors were divided between manslaughter and mureer and the verdict seems to have been in the nature of a compromise.

The trial of Hasty was based on the charge of the murder om Milan Bennett, although the grand jury returned a true bill of double murder, holding him responsible for the deaths of both Bennett and Davidson.

### Defenses Urged.

Washington, Special.- President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress accompanying plans for coast defense prepared by a joint board of army and navy officers, in which he emphasized the necessity for further defense prepared by a joint board of defense works in this country. The President calls special attention to the recommendation of the board that the entrance to Chesapeake Bay he added to the list of places in the United States to be defended. He says the insular possessions cannot be longer safely neglected.

### Tramp Crushed Between Bumper.

Fayetteville, Special - A white man was found dead with one leg cut off, Thursday morning on the track of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, near Luray station, four miles north of this city. He is unknown and there is nothing on his person to identify him. He had on workman's overalls and is supposed to have been a tramp stealing a ride.

#### Miss Susan B. Anothy Seriously Ill.

Rochester, N. Y., Special-Miss Susan B. Anthony is seriously ill at her home here of pneumonia, which developed on her return from her recent visit to Washington. She is S6 years old. For a long time Miss Anthony has been in robust health. Dr. Charles S. Sumner was called in consultation. The physicians announced later that the patient showed a slight improvement.

#### Griggs Chosen Chairman.

Washington, Special.-Representative J. M. Griggs, of Georgia, was unanimously chosen chairman of the Democratic committee at a meeting in the capitol attended by 31 members of the committee. Representative Bowers, of Mississippi, placed Mr. Griges in nomination. There were no other nominations and the secretary was instructed to east the entire vote for Mr. Griggs.